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FIRE FIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no proper fire fighting arrangements in Delhi`s Walled City areas and fire-tenders are find it difficult to reach those areas in case of fire;

(b) the corrective measures taken in this regard in congested areas like Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk and Chawri Bazar, etc.;

(c) the reasons for Delhi Fire Service not implementing the recommendations made in this regard by various Committees; and

(d) the details of buildings which are not following fire fighting norms and the action taken against all such buildings by Delhi Fire Service?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Most of the residential and commercial buildings in walled city area are low-rise and these do not come under the purview of Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986.Hindrances to the fire tenders in reaching the fire incident sites in these areas,interalia,include slow moving traffic.

(b): The measures taken include Fire Station at Paiwalan made operational,water ring main provided for Sadar Bazar area and fire fighting resources e.g. fire tenders and equipments augmented in the fire stations within the vicinity i.e. Rani Jhansi Road, S.P. Mukherjee Marg and Teliwara.

(c): Most of the recommendations contained in the report of Inquiry Committee for major fire on 16.04.1990 at Gandhi Market, Sadar Bazar, Delhi have been implemented.

(d): The details of 48 high rise buildings in the walled city area falling within the purview of Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986 and not following the fire safety norms have been annexed. Orders have been issued for disconnection of electric and water supply to these premises as per the directions of the Hon'ble Court.